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Serial No: 09/996,276  
Examiner: Faruk Hamza  
Filed: November 27, 2001  
Docket No.: PD-201124  
For: System and Method for Automatic Configuration of a Bi-Directional IP Communication Device

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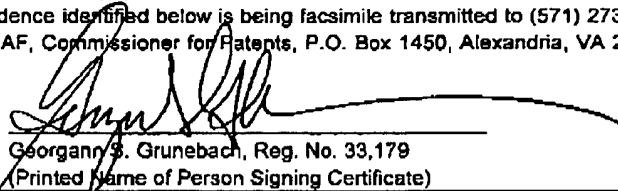
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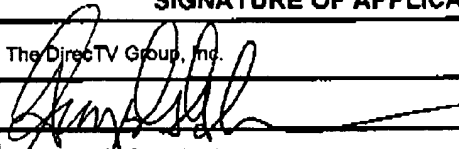
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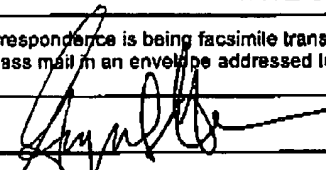
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